

3057. A letter from the Federal Co-Chairman, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation that would reauthorize the work of the Appalachian Regional Commission, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3058. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Implementation of Equal Access to Justice Act in Agency Proceedings [Docket No. OST-96-1421] (RIN: 2105-AB73) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3059. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Ticketless Travel: Passenger Notices [Docket No. OST-96-993] (RIN: 2105-AC36) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3060. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Vessel Inspection User Fees (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 96-067] (RIN: 2115-AF40) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3061. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Potomac River, Point Lookout to Hull Neck (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD05-97-011] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3062. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Oceanside, CA (U.S. Coast Guard) [COTP San Diego; 97-001] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3063. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Southern Branch, Elizabeth River, Portsmouth, Virginia (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 05-97-004] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3064. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Regulated Navigation Area Regulations; Lower Mississippi River (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD08-97-008] (RIN: 2115-AE84) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3065. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulated Navigation Area; Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters, WA—Regulated Navigation Area (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD13-97-003] (RIN: 2115-AE84) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3066. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Electrical Engineering Requirements for Merchant Vessels (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 94-108] (RIN: 2115-AF24) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3067. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Availability of Interpretations of Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Safety Regulations (Research and

Special Programs Administration) [Docket No. RSP-3] (RIN: 2137-AD00) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3068. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Archaeological and Ethnological Material From Canada [T.D. 97-31] (RIN: 1515-AC14) received April 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3069. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Surface Transportation Safety Act of 1997"; jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Commerce, and the Judiciary.

#### ¶41.5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 968, An Act to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities.

H.R. 1001. An Act to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission.

#### ¶41.6 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 129

Mr. LINDER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 136):

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 129) providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifth Congress. The resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Oversight now printed in the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution, as amended, to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Oversight; and (2) one motion to recommit.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

On motion of Mr. LINDER, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

#### ¶41.7 COMMITTEE FUNDING

Mr. THOMAS, pursuant to House Resolution 136, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 129):

*Resolved*,

#### SECTION 1. COMMITTEE EXPENSES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH CONGRESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the One Hundred Fifth Congress, there shall be paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, in accordance with this

primary expense resolution, not more than the amount specified in subsection (b) for the expenses (including the expenses of all staff salaries) of each committee named in that subsection.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture, \$7,656,162; Committee on Banking and Financial Services, \$8,901,617; Committee on the Budget, \$9,940,000; Committee on Commerce, \$14,576,580; Committee on Education and the Workforce, \$10,125,113; Committee on House Oversight, \$6,100,946; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$4,815,526; Committee on International Relations, \$10,368,358; Committee on the Judiciary, \$10,699,572; Committee on National Security, \$9,756,708; Committee on Resources, \$9,876,550; Committee on Rules, \$4,649,102; Committee on Science, \$8,677,830; Committee on Small Business, \$3,906,941; Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, \$2,456,300; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$12,483,000; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$4,344,160; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$11,066,841.

#### SEC. 2. FIRST SESSION LIMITATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount provided for in section 1 for each committee named in subsection (b), not more than the amount specified in such subsection shall be available for expenses incurred during the period beginning at noon on January 3, 1997, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 1998.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture, \$3,791,039; Committee on Banking and Financial Services, \$4,363,817; Committee on the Budget, \$4,970,000; Committee on Commerce, \$7,122,959; Committee on Education and the Workforce, \$5,002,127; Committee on House Oversight, \$3,093,200; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$2,358,040; Committee on International Relations, \$5,145,358; Committee on the Judiciary, \$5,054,800; Committee on National Security, \$4,729,454; Committee on Resources, \$4,800,014; Committee on Rules, \$2,306,407; Committee on Science, \$4,263,672; Committee on Small Business, \$1,936,471; Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, \$1,276,300; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$6,141,500; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$2,084,368; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$5,387,934.

#### SEC. 3. SECOND SESSION LIMITATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount provided for in section 1 for each committee named in subsection (b), not more than the amount specified in such subsection shall be available for expenses incurred during the period beginning at noon on January 3, 1998, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 1999.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture, \$3,865,123; Committee on Banking and Financial Services, \$4,537,800; Committee on the Budget, \$4,970,000; Committee on Commerce, \$7,453,621; Committee on Education and the Workforce, \$5,122,986; Committee on House Oversight, \$3,007,746; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$2,457,486; Committee on International Relations, \$5,223,000; Committee on the Judiciary, \$5,644,772; Committee on National Security, \$5,027,254; Committee on Resources, \$5,076,536; Committee on Rules, \$2,342,695; Committee on Science, \$4,414,158; Committee on Small Business, \$1,970,470; Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, \$1,180,000; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$6,341,500; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$2,259,792; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$5,678,907.